

Wattawei and thanks for the opportunity to put a few more Norfolk Island progressions down on paper, hopefully what I have listed in this update can work in with NIPD and Council of Elders reporting on their local based actions.

As many people would be aware Dr Carlyle Corbin, who is a senior advisor to the United Nations on International Governance and self-Determination has been actively researching and reviewing the Norfolk Island governance arrangements, both current and historic to complete a self-governance assessment. The purpose of this work was to evaluate whether our situation meets the criteria for presentation to the UN General Assembly and progression through to the UN Decolonisation Committee.

Dr Corbin and his team concluded their research towards the end of 2018 and the important outcome for all of us is that his research and assessment of Norfolk Island governance arrangements from 1856 until now unequivocally supports our entitlement for progression through the UN for a self-determination process for our island home. This assessment and ongoing awareness and support means that we have finally reached documentation of substance for evaluation and progression through the UN. It is important to understand that if there had been an issue uncovered during this research that identified that we were not assessed as eligible for this UN progression, then that information would be presented, and we would have been severely challenged to progress toward a future where we have the opportunity to determine our future.

Thankfully.... And rightfully that is not the case and we are one giant step closer to several UN driven initiatives for NI. Prior to the end of December Dr Corbin committed to visit Norfolk Island within the first quarter of 2019, to meet with as many people as possible and provide some feedback on the process from this point forward, as well as sharing some expertise and experience gathered from other self-determination processes, particularly island nations such as French Polynesia where Dr Corbin has provided some insight to the referendum eligibility processes and suggested mechanisms to ensure our voting eligibility for referendum is not corrupted by a larger nation altering eligibility and capacity to collect meaningful referendum numbers.

I have been in contact with Dr Corbin today and we are hoping to lock in travel dates within the next week, then the Council of Elders will announce the visit time frames at the appropriate time to ensure no dirty tricks impair this visit. In other news, during December Lorenz Gonschor was travelling through the United Kingdom, I was in contact with Lorenz and asked whether he would present a 2016-2018 update on the Norfolk Island socio-political situation to the Westminster Parliament's All Parties Political Group. Lorenz committed to present these reports on my behalf and also took the time to discuss island governance and alignments to the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

The Westminster Parliament APPG welcomed the report and tabled them as a further reference regarding their concern for what is happening on Norfolk Island, and their commitment to stand beside us and support us as we progress through 2019. Make

no mistake, we got some big salan orn awas team! A legal team based in London have provided their expertise, effort and commitment to assist us either through a UN Self-Determination process... or through a legal and political process that will mean a closer oversight from UK of ANY activities that occur on Norfolk Island. It is worth pointing out that the legal team I am referring to are legal and political advisors to the British Government.. big salan!

There is actually a lot more going on including very positive meetings and presentations that have already concluded with UN Decolonisation Committee members, however I do not want to hog the microphone, as I hope every other organisation is outlining their actions to date and their plans for 2019!! Before I conclude, I did want to point out that with the progression of Geoffrey Robertson AO QC and Dr Carlyle Corbin and various other international decision-makers, the pressure is on us all - on and off Norfolk Island to demonstrate that we are committed to a process of self-determination, that we are rebuilding our capacity to govern with equity, intelligence and practicality.

We need to demonstrate our commitment to structures that are democratic, transparent and accountable. As the fight for our human and political rights continues this year, we will be best served by establishing a transparent chain of command for all supportive organisations – each organisation will need to provide regular reporting to the community and we also call upon our local expertise and commitment to form working groups and to invite a democratic mandate for the consultative development of our future plan..... That probably sounds like hard work, and it is, and it needs to be done! We need every shoulder to the wheel as we progress this year.

To assist this process, I have compiled a draft 2019 progression plan that will be forwarded to the CoE that can perhaps be used as a starting point and debated, pulled apart and potentially something else created to navigate our way forward on principles that we agree on and based on the many lessons we have learned to date. There are plenty of experts to assist, this is our future, your future and your children's future, so the imperative is there for all of us to reconnect, restructure and rebuild.

With best wishes, love and support from the Nobbs's on the other island!